



## **The Water Connection - February 1997**

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### **Water On The Web:**

#### **More Info About Your Water Department At [HTTP://WWW.CI.TUCSON.AZ.US/WATER/](http://www.ci.tucson.az.us/water/)**

Tucson Water now has a page on the World Wide Web. The department went on the net as part of the City of Tucson's web page in February. There's a wealth of information on the page - from the appearance schedule for the Water Information Van to the latest water news, tips for water conservation, information about water projects that are underway, and much more. Look us up on the web at the address above, or go to the City of Tucson page and click the heading for city departments.

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### **Improving Tucson's Water System:**

#### **Main Replacement Program Gears Up**

Tucson Water's main replacement and improvement program has been accelerated and new water mains are being installed all over the department's water service area. About 12 projects are underway right now and more are planned in the near future. The goal is to replace Tucson's old galvanized steel water mains with new pipe. These mains are 30 to 50 years old and most are rusted and badly worn.

All those new mains mean plenty of digging in your streets and alleys. Tucson Water is working to reduce the inconvenience to neighborhoods, businesses, and the traveling public. If you live in the area of a main replacement project, you will receive notice through the mail well in advance of the project start date. There will be a public meeting in your area to give you detailed information and additional mailings will keep you informed of progress and completion dates. You may be visited by Tucson Water personnel to see if you have any questions. If your water meter has to be relocated, a plumbing coordinator from the department will meet with you to explain what needs to be done and discuss the relocation with you.

If you have questions about the program or a project that is underway or planned for your area, call the Main Replacement Hotline at (520) 791-2665.

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## **Water Conservation:**

### **WaterSmart Workshops Scheduled For May & June**

A series of free workshops is being offered in May and June to help you design, install, operate, and maintain a water-thrifty drip irrigation system for your landscape or garden. Workshops also are offered on how to use your irrigation timer and how to select plants for your landscape.

The Saturday workshops are sponsored by the Pima County Cooperative Extension, in cooperation with the City of Tucson Water Department, the Arizona Department of Water Resources, and other local water providers.

Drip irrigation offers a practical, efficient way to reduce outdoor water use by providing water directly to the root zone of your plants, where it promotes healthy root growth and drought tolerance. A well designed and managed system can save you money and water too!

**J.D. DiMeglio**, owner of the award-winning landscape/irrigation firm Horizons West, and **Steve Mallgren**, irrigation supervisor for Horizons West, will present the workshops at a variety of locations. Seating is limited at workshops and reservations are required.

*For more information, contact the Pima County Cooperative Extension/Low 4 Program office at (520) 622-7701.*

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## **CWAC Will Look at Management Options For Tucson Water**

The Citizen's Water Advisory Committee (CWAC) is forming a Management Options Subcommittee to examine different ways of managing the City of Tucson Water Department. At the direction of Tucson's Mayor and Council, the options will include both public and private alternatives.

During February the Committee advertised through local newspapers and via direct mail for Tucson Water customers to volunteer to serve on the subcommittee or to be available as alternates. The subcommittee should begin meeting this spring.

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